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EDITORIALS

"BEST TEACHER"

There could be no official of one person as the "best" school teacher in the United States. Yet, the fact that a recent award has been made by a national commercial concern to a young Virginia teacher as "best teacher" should be an encouragement to those interested in the educational processes of the Old Dominion.

The teacher thus honored is a twenty-two year old young man, who has taught two years. He is an English teacher in the nearby Volens High School. He will get a $2,500 award. Doubtless he will get many bids to teach elsewhere.

It is interesting to note that a young man was selecte'. One of our problems has been to induce capable young men to enter the teaching profession. A young man . . . . . could make more compensation in cash in most any other job. This incident may induce other capable young men to enter upon a teaching career.

Also, it is pleasing that a rural school was recognized. We are sure that the Volens High School is an excellent institution, and we are lead to hope that other rural schools in Virginia have favorable competitive rating.

Again, the teacher selected was an English teacher. Surely English teachers deserve recognition for the tasks they confront.

You can"t have everything, so we will pass over the fact that this winning teacher was educated at the University of North Carolina!

SUPPORT HOME MERCHANTS

The following sentiments taken from an exchange, apply equally as well to Appomattox:

"We all realize that thousands of dollars go out of this section every year that should be and could be spent in our community. It behooves all thinking people to consider this matter and keep as much of our money at home as possible. The idea that the slogan 'Trade at Home' is the despairing cry of a dying community is absurd, although there are some citizens who classify it in that way. Town-boosting is an art to be practiced by those live,wide-awake communities, made so by citizens who believe in their town and support its merchants. The merchants of this county are not asking for 'charity.' If they cannot deliver the goods at equal prices, quality considered, they certainly do not expect your trade."

"YES" VOTES

Contrast the recent elections in Red-dominated Czecho - Slovakia, with the approaching elections in the United States!

The Czecks were given ballots upon which were the names of the official party candidates. No other candidates were allowed. You had the choice of voting "Yes" or of dropping a blank ballot in the box. What a joke, were it not so serious a matter.

Contrast the situation now in America as we approach an important presidential election.

The widest range of choices will be offered the voter, who is sovereign. It is a wide-open election. One major party has a big field of potential candidates, each of them free to make their bid. The other major party has fairly well settled on its candidate, but he will be nominated in an open convention where those who oppose him can and will have their say.

And a variety of minor parties are free to put their candidates on the ballot and every voter will be able to make his sovereign selection without fear.

Long live free elections in this our so great America.

WITH OTHER ED-TORS

SENSORY SEASON

New York Times

There is a sweetness of May verging on June that no other time in the whole year can equal. And by sweetness is meant more than flower fragrance or honey taste; this is the greater sweetness of understanding and emotion, the glow of pleasure in being.

This is the sensory season. Trees are in leaf, even the cautious oaks and the casual hickories. It is a green world, full of elusive fragrances. Walk through an orchard and you can smell as well as feel the strength of grass underfoot, new grass reaching tall toward the sun. Boughs naked only a little while ago, then bright and heady with bloom, now rustle with leaf and tingle with the strength of fruition. Listen, and you can almost hear the pulse of sap and the mysterious workings of chlorophyll.

The hills are rounded with their own green growth, the soft hills of a lush and friendly land. The valleys sing with brooks, laughing waters of spring and seep that have not yet felt the thirst of summer. Even the stone walls are alive with vine, the creeping tendrils of life that would root in granite and suck faint sustenance from sandstone.

The air vibrates with bird song, which is the great rhythm made palpable to the human ear. The oriole's rounded notes are as delightful to the ear as the tanager's bright scarlet is delightful to the eye. All the senses tingle, alive with the season as the world itself is alive. Nothing is impossible at such a time. High achievement is all around us, beating on every sense for recognition.

ON SLURPING SOUP

(Dayton Daily News)

We feel obliged to examine critically an essay in the Atlanta Journal on the systematics of ingesting soup. Should soup be eaten as an exercise in song, or should soup flow throughout in a silent bliss? The subject has been long debated. The decision of the courts of last gustatory resort has favored the silent treatment of soup. We had hoped they settled it.

Our contemporary in Atlanta, mistakenly we think, has exhumed respectfully an authority on the slurping side. Here is a decision to the effect that the musical management of soup, the slurping technique, adds vastly to the joy of consuming soup and is, therefore, to be preferred.

Now that we must protest, is an example of thoughtless human selfishness. Let it be granted that whistling down your soup adds joy to the whistler, the slurper; what of the environing ears, the organs that cannot but listen as the neighbor's soup goes its noisy way? We can shut our eyes to the scene the slurper makes, but the Creator gave us no stoppers for our ears. Must the slurper have all the consideration, the slurpee none.

We regret exceedingly that the power of the press in Atlanta should have given the slightest hospitality to the slurp system with soup. Heavens! Isn't our civilization already noisy enough without adding that?

WONDERFUL RUSSIANS

(Milwaukee Journal)

In Soviet Russia today it is radio day, in honor of the invention of radio by the Russian scientist Popov. That Italian fellow, Marconi, was a copycat.

Soon, in Russia, will come electric light day, in honor of the inventor of the electric light, the Russian Lodygin. That American, Thomas Edison was a faker.

Airplane day is approaching. It has not yet been determined which Russian invented the airplane, but that is a simple matter. The Wright brothers, Langley, a Frenchman? Nyet! Nyet! It was a Russian.

The submarine, the steam engine, the rocket shell, the harvester combine—all, every last one were the results of Russian inventive genius. Yes, sir, so the Kremlin is telling its people today.

Any day we may be hearing that a Russian scientist, perhaps Ivan Iyamafoni, really invented gunpowder and printing, and that another great Russian, Boris Italiafake, first developed the wheel.

What Russian built the pyramids, comrades?

MacArthur, says a Hea..t editorial, still is the "man of the hour." But apparently he is not to be the man of four years.—Pittsburgh Press.

WAY UP

According to the Commerce Department, the consumer's income is up. And according to what we hear, so is his dander.—Arkansas Gazette.

100 YEARS IN THE U. S. A.

(Winchester Star)

Was California worth $15,000,000? This was what the United States paid Mexico for California exactly one hundred years ago, by the peace treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo which went into effect on May 30, 1848. This country obtained not only what is presently California but also what are now Nevada and Utah, most of the present Arizona and New Mexico, parts of the present Wyoming and Colorado.

In addition to paying $15,000,000 for all this territory (Mexico had asked for $30,000,000), the United States assumed the claims of its citizens against the Mexican government. Gold had been discovered in California four months before the Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty went into effect, but the news had not yet reached Mexico City or Washington. On May 30, 1848, the population of California was about 26,000, less than one -half of one per cent of the United States. Some 1,600 persons were living in Los Angeles.

In reality, California and the other territory acquired were in large part the spoils of war. The Government at Washington knew that Great Britain had designs on California, and had been negotiating with Mexico for concessions there. But President Polk was sensitive to the charges that the war had been waged for conquest, and he insisted in a message to Congress that $15,000,000 was a "fair equivalent."

When California was acquired, Congress was sharply divided on the issue of slavery in the Territories. As a result, California was'n't organized as a Territory, but remained under Army administration. She was admitted to statehood in 1850, the only state except Texas and possibly Vermont to be admitted to the Union without having been first a Territory or part of a Territory.

Guidalupe Hidalgo was a small village near Mexico City, now famous as the site of the shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The treaty signed there in February, 1848, was signed under unusual circumstances. Nicholas Trist, chief clerk of the State Department, had been sent to Mexico with authority to negotiate peace terms. Then President Polk had recalled him on the basis of reports that Trist and Winfield Scott, U. S. Commanding general in Mexico, had agreed to bribe Mexican officials for a favorable treaty.

Trist ignored the recall order and wrote a letter to the President, accusing him of bad judgement. Polk called the letter "imprudent, arrogant, contemptibly base," and he ordered General Butler, who had replaced Scott, to inform the Mexicans that Trist no longer had power to make a treaty. Before Butler received the order, Trist, who had gone ahead with the negotiations, got the treaty signed and was on his way to Washington with it.

Polk, still irate with Trist, accepted the treaty. He feared that Congress would grant neither men nor money to continue the war, and that California would hence be lost. The Cabinet endorsed the treaty except for Secretary of James Buchanan and Secretary of the Treasury Walker, both of whom wanted all of western Mexico.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations at first voted to reject the treaty on the basis of Trist's conduct. Polk called this attitude "idle ceremony," and then the committee reported the treaty without recommendations. Several eminent senators attacked its terms. Daniel Webster wanted no territory. Jefferson Davis demanded much more, and Sam Houston of Texas wanted a protectorate over all Mexico. The Senate ratified the treaty by 38 to 14, only four votes more than the necessary two-thirds.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 2:4.

DEVOTIONAL READING: Acts 5:27-32.

Men Who Dared To Stand For God

Lesson for June 6, 1948

A FIERY furnace, and a lion's den. These are the tests to which Sunday's lesson will put our hero about whom we studied last Sunday,

Dr. Newton

this young man Daniel. Three friends, Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego, will undergo the test of the fiery furnace, having been convicted by Daniel's example that God is trustworthy. And Daniel will spend the night in the den of lions. You will need to read chapters three through six to get the full story.

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DANIEL IN THE DEN OF LIONS

THE sixth chapter must be read if to have an adequate background for this study. Daniel had been chosen as the first of three presidents to rule over 120 princes who should govern the kingdom. The other two presidents and the princes could find no fault in this Hebrew, save that he believed and observed the law of his God. So, they conspired against him by persuading the king to issue a decree that no person in the kingdom was to make a petition to any God or man for 30 days, save to the king, on the penalty of being cast into the den of lions. This decree was issued by Darius, and Daniel's enemies reported to Darius that Daniel was opening his window three times a day, praying to his God. Darius was greatly troubled, but had to stand by his decree, and Daniel was cast into the den of lions. Darius spent a sleepless night, and hurried to the den at dawn to know about Daniel. Daniel replied, "O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me."

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DARIUS REWARDS DANIEL

CONVINCED that Daniel's convictions had been miraculously rewarded by God, Darius ordered the other two presidents and the princes, together with their wives and children, thrown into the lions' dens. They were all destroyed by the lions.

Then Darius issued a decree to all the nations and people of all languages that dwell in all the earth. Hear this decree:

"Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and stedfast forever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end." So Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and of Cyrus, the Persian.

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COURAGE TO PUT GOD FIRST

LOOK now at the other test of faith—that of the three Hebrew children, Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had made a golden image, 90 feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up in the plain of Dura. On a certain day, when he was going to establish his state religion, he ordered every subject to fall down and worship this image.

But Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the image. Nebuchadnezzar was furious when he heard of their refusal. He summoned them into his presence, and warned them of their fate if they further refused to worship his gods. They answered him frankly that they would not bow down to the image. He ordered them thrown into the fiery furnace.

They decided that death was more honorable than apostasy. The men who cast them into the furnace fell dead!

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UNSEARED AND UNSINGED!

BUT the three Hebrew children walked into the flames, unseared and unsinged! The king was astounded. The people were amazed. They had witnessed what the God of all the earth can and will do.

Then went forth the decree, "There is no other God that can deliver after this sort." Thus we have the golden text for Sunday's lesson:

"Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

And what happened in the long ago when men dared to stand up and trust in God will happen today and every day.

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Labor issues reach crisis.

Truman faces party test on his western tour.

Chinese claim Russian guns are found on Red troops in orient.

Arabs are accused of planning to use poison gas in Holy City.

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...ocks News

...ocks, May 31.- Farmers are ... planting tobacco and cutting ...

...rs. H. W. Ranson and infant ... Frank Roy, returned home ... Virginia Baptist Hospital last ...day.

...rs. W. F. Ranson went to Ap...atox last Monday to see a ...or.

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attend a birthday dinner given their sons, Willie and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children went to Lynchburg one day recently.

Harry Almond went to Richmond again for treatment.

Charlie Ranson is out again after being in the hospital in Lynchburg for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Inge, of Appomattox spent a Sunday recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson.

Ruth Ranson celebrated her birthday last Wednesday.

Ann Ranson stuck a nail in her foot last week. She was rushed to the doctor.

Mrs. Ed Roach is not so well. John Henry Ranson is working on his new dwelling house.

Mrs. John Henry Ranson is now working in Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and son, Steve, of Waynesboro, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach last Friday.

Mrs. Alice Inge and children, of Appomattox, are spending sometime with Mrs. H. W. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children went to Brookneal on Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth St. John, of Evergreen and his sister, of Phenix attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday.

Nelson Garrett and his friend, of Lynchburg were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge last Sunday.

Mrs. Otis Ranson is off from work this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson were in the neighborhood visiting last Sunday.

James Taylor is helping Lester Sears on his new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh and Mrs. Jack Hamilton were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children were to see Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ranson awhile last Wednesday.

Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Sr., of Appomattox spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Ranson.

H. Y. Goin pontinues very ill. Dr. Lukin, of Pamplin comes to see him every other day.

Mrs. Percy Carter and infant son, Samuel Edward have returned from Virginia Baptist Hospital today.

Miss Annie C. Martin, of Lynch burg spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. Robert Roach called to see Mrs. James Taylor awhile Tuesday night.

Relatives placed flowers on the graves of their loved ones at Rocks Memorial Church Sunday May 30.

Bob Jennings has returned from taking treatments at a Lynchburg hospital.

Miss Elizabeth June Moore, of Montgomery, W. Va., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. A. T. Anderson. Betty also has two girl friends with her.

Donald Roach visited his great aunt, Mrs. Jerry Hamilton, at Appomatox Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cash and other relatives, of Galts Mill visited Mrs. Charlie S. Ranson last Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Roach is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roarh Thursday.

Relatives of Mrs. L. C. Elder visited her last Sunday.

C. S. Ransone is getting on fine since his operation.

Work on the REA line will be resumed soon, we were informed this week. There are several farms left out, and this will be interesting to them.

Henry Gowin is better at this writing.

Rhomy Wilson, who has been ill has returned home. He is better.

The Sunbeams and G. A.'s have been having their study courses, in charge of Mrs. Toby Inge and Mrs. Richard Inge, at the home of the former.

Virginia caterers to tourists are given six months to "clean up."

Buy Security Bonds.

Former With Horse Team Wins Decision Over Taxi Driver

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. — Taxi driver James E. Roberson had a hard time breaking even with a farmer on a 20-mile taxi trip.

Loaded down with the farmer, his wife, two children, 100 pounds of cow feed and a heavy load of groceries, Roberson started out for the farm. A tire blew out near the farm, the taxi became stuck in the mud, and then ran out of gas.

The farmer went for a dollar's worth of gas and his mule team. He pulled the taxi out of the mud and back through it again after the groceries had been delivered at the farm.

James collected $5 for his fare and then forked over $4 to the farmer for pulling him out of the mud.

'Get Rich Quick' Man of 1920 Is On Relief Now

RIO DE JANEIRO.—Charles "Get Rich Quick" Ponzi, the wizard of scrambled finance who hoaxed Americans out of millions of dollars in 1920, is now a charity patient in a Brazilian hospital.

Ponzi is 70 or thereabouts (accounts of his birthdate differ, but most agree he was born in Italy in 1878) and semi-paralyzed. He cannot move his left leg or left arm and has a cataract on his right eye. But he recalls with a chuckle the days when he had millions.

"I was number one in those days before Al Capone. I guess the only news about me that most people want to hear is my death. Once I had 15 million dollars. I used to carry a couple million in my pockets, in certified checks and cash. Look at me now. I guess a lot of people would say I got what I deserved.

"Well, that was 28 years ago. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since. But I hit the American people where it hurts—in the pocketbook. Those were confused, money-mad days. Everybody wanted to make a killing. I was in it plenty deep, rolling in other people's money.

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"I had so many people coming to my office that the other tenants in the building couldn't get in the elevator. They tried to throw me out, but I wouldn't leave my well known address, 27 School street, Boston, next door to city hall. I told them I would buy the building. They let me stay. People were sending me money from all over.

"My business was simple. It was the old game of robbing Peter to pay Paul. You would give me $100 and I would give you a note to pay you $150 in three months. Usually I would redeem my note in 45 days. My notes became more valuable than American money.

"I had to keep the ball rolling and so I bought a bank. I didn't need any advertising. Everybody knew about it. I did a lot of business by mail. That's what got me in trouble. Pretty soon postal inspectors and policemen were dropping in asking questions.

Business Not Honest

"They said my business couldn't be honest. I showed them the facts. Fifty per cent on your money in 45 days. Everybody wanted to get rich quick. I was rich, too. Only two cars, the mayor's and mine, were allowed on School street. Everything was rosy.

"Then came trouble. The whole thing was broken. They closed my bank to investigate and a lot of money was lost. They indicted me on I don't know how many charges. I turned over everything I had to the bankruptcy court. I could use some of it now!

"Both the federal government and the state wanted me. I went to Plymouth and served time for the state. Then I came out I did a "number' in vaudeville for $1,000 a week. Pretty soon they handed me another indictment. I went to Atlanta as a guest of the federal government. That was the mail charge.

"I came out and there were still more charges. I conducted my own defense and I fought hard, but I lost. I had never completed my citizenship and they deported me."

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Pamplin

Pamplin, May 31.- Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black spent last Thursday in Buena Vista.

Week-end guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bateman and grandson, Bruce Lee Bower, of Newport News, and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, of Washington, D.C.

Mrs. V. B. Tate, of Wise Court House was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon on last Thursday.

Misses Anne Terry, Anne Booker and Sarah Dickerson, of Farmville State Teachers College, are now at their homes here.

H. T. Terry, Jr., spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry.

Mr. and Mrs.Henry Rathbun and son, Edward spent last week-end at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hartz, of Richmond spent last week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jamerson and Mrs. Cales spent Sunday in Roanoke.

Melvin Pittenger, of Lexington, was a recent guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Pittinger and Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson.

Mrs. N. A. Davis and Miss Merle Davis, of Richmond were week-end visitors here.

Mrs. Bessie Wilkerson was the guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pittenger Sunday.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, June 1.- Mrs. V. B. Kessee and granddaughter, Nora Herman, of Lynchburg, spent last week with Mrs. Kessee's brother, J. A. McCann.

Others visiting in the McCann home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holley and Ray Hamlett, of Lynchburg.

Holiday week-end death toll on Virginia roads reaches 15.

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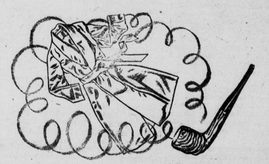

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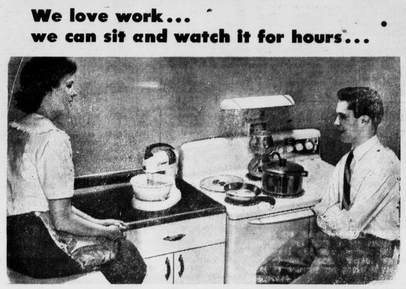

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